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SUBJECT: MEMBERSHIP OF SOUTH AFRICA IN THE
INTERGOVERNMENTAL OCEANOGRAPHIC COMMISSION

1. THE SECRETARY OF THE IOC HAS RECEIVED A LETTER FROM THE SENEGALESE PERMDEL DATED FEBRUARY 3 COSPONSORED BY ALGERIA, EGYPT, JAMAICA, KENYA, NIGERIA, PANAMA, TUNISIA, AND YUGOSLAVIA. THE LETTER REFERS TO THE RESOLUTION PASSED BY THE 19TH GENERAL CONFERENCE OF UNESCO THAT REQUESTS THE DG NOT TO INVITE THE REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA TO PARTICIPATE IN MEETINGS AND ACTIVITIES OF THE IOC ORGANIZED BY UNESCO. IT PROCEEDS TO PROPOSE THAT, IN ORDER TO IMPLEMENT THE RESOLUTION, THAT ARTICLE 4 OF THE IOC STATUTES BE AMENDED AS FOLLOWS AT THE NEXT SESSION OF IOC ASSEMBLY (OCTOBER 27 - NOVEMBER 9, 1977):

2. THE IOC ASSEMBLY

CONSIDERING THAT, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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ARTICLE 13 OF THE STATUTES OF THE COMMISSION, THE GENERAL CONFERENCE CAN AMEND THESE STATUTES AFTER RECOMMENDATION OF OR CONSULTATION WITH THE COMMISSION;

RECOMMENDS TO THE 20TH SESSION OF THE GENERAL CONFERENCE THAT THE STATUTES OF THE COMMISSION BE AMENDED AS FOLLOWS:

ARTICLE 4:

A) INSERT AFTER PARAGRAPH 3 A NEW PARAGRAPH AS
FOLLOWS:

"4. A MEMBER OF THE COMMISSION CAN BE SUSPENDED
FROM THE RIGHTS AND PRIVILEGES ATTRIBUTED TO HIM IN THE
CAPACITY OF MEMBER OF THE COMMISSION, BY DECISION OF
THE GENERAL CONFERENCE. THE EXERCISING OF THESE RIGHTS
AND PRIVILEGES CAN BE REESTABLISHED BY DECISION OF THE
GENERAL CONFERENCE."

B) PARAGRAPH 4 BECOMES PARAGRAPH 5.

3. IN RESPONSE TO THE SENEGALESE PROPOSAL, THE IOC
SECRETARY WILL ISSUE, WITHIN THE NEXT FEW DAYS, THE
FOLLOWING CIRCULAR LETTER (NO. 636) TO ALL MEMBER STATES
OF THE COMMISSION:

BEGIN QUOTE. DURING THE 19TH GENERAL CONFERENCE OF
UNESCO, RESOLUTION 2.183 WAS ADOPTED WHICH "REQUESTS THE
DIRECTOR-GENERAL NOT TO INVITE THE REPUBLIC OF SOUTH
AFRICA TO PARTICIPATE IN THE MEETINGS AND ACTIVITIES OF
INTERGOVERNMENTAL OCEANOGRAPHIC COMMISSION ORGANIZED BY
UNESCO.....".

IT WILL BE RECALLED THAT SOUTH AFRICA IS A MEMBER OF IOC
BY VIRTUE OF ARTICLE 4.1 OF THE IOC STATUTES WHICH
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STATES THAT "MEMBERSHIP OF THE COMMISSION SHALL BE OPEN
TO ANY MEMBER STATE OF ANY ONE OF THE ORGANIZATIONS OF
THE UNITED NATIONS SYSTEM."

ON 4 FEBRUARY 1977, THE SECRETARY RECEIVED FROM THE
GOVERNMENT OF SENEGAL, ACTING ON BEHALF OF THE
GOVERNMENTS OF ALGERIA, EGYPT, JAMAICA, KENYA, NIGERIA,
PANAMA, SENEGAL, TUNISIA AND YUGOSLAVIA, A PROPOSAL (IN
ACCORDANCE WITH IOC RULE OF PROCEDURE NO. 56.1), FOR
SUBMISSION TO THE NEXT SESSION OF THE IOC ASSEMBLY, FOR
AN AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE 4 OF THE IOC STATUTES (SEE COPY
ATTACHED).

BY ARTICLE 13 OF THE IOC STATUTES, THE STATUTES CAN ONLY
BE AMENDED BY THE UNESCO GENERAL CONFERENCE FOLLOWING A
RECOMMENDATION OF, OR AFTER CONSULTATION WITH, THE
COMMISSION (I.E., IOC ASSEMBLY).

A CHOICE OF PROCEDURE TO BE FOLLOWED THEREFORE EXISTS

DEPENDING ON WHETHER THE GENERAL CONFERENCE OR THE IOC

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ASSEMBLY TAKE THE INITIAL ACTION. THESE ARE:

1. THE IOC ASSEMBLY CAN PASS A RESOLUTION
RECOMMENDING TO THE GENERAL CONFERENCE THAT IT
AMEND THE IOC STATUTES; OR

2. THE GENERAL CONFERENCE CAN ADDRESS A RESOLUTION
(I.E., CONSULT) THE IOC ASSEMBLY ON A PROPOSAL TO
AMEND THE IOC STATUTES.

IN EITHER CASE THE NECESSARY ACTION TO AMEND THE STATUTES
COULD BE TAKEN AT THE NEXT SESSION OF THE GENERAL
CONFERENCE OF UNESCO FOLLOWING THE INITIAL ACTION.

IF THIS MATTER IS TO BE CONSIDERED BY THE IOC ASSEMBLY
AT ITS NEXT SESSION (27 OCTOBER-10 NOVEMBER 1977), THE
PROPOSAL HAS TO BE CONSIDERED BY THE IOC EXECUTIVE
COUNCIL WHICH BODY SHALL REPORT THEREON TO THE IOC
ASSEMBLY, GIVING ITS RECOMMENDATION AS TO WHETHER THE
PROPOSAL SHOULD BE ADOPTED, REJECTED OR MODIFIED - RULE
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OF PROCEDURE NO. 56.2.

AN ITEM HAS BEEN ADDED TO THE PROVISIONAL AGENDA OF THE EIGHTH SESSION OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL (DOC. IOC/EC-VIII/1 PROV.) TO ALLOW THE MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED AT THAT SESSION.

WHEN THE PROPOSAL IS CONSIDERED BY THE IOC ASSEMBLY, THE MATTER WILL HAVE TO BE DECIDED BY VOTE AND TO BE ADOPTED, A MAJORITY OF ALL MEMBER STATES OF THE COMMISSION WILL BE REQUIRED (RULE OF PROCEDURE NO. 56.3). IOC MEMBERSHIP AT THE PRESENT TIME STANDS AT 92. END QUOTE.
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